



Ronald Lee Charles

February 10, 1954 - October 10, 2020

Ronald Lee Charles, 66, passed away at 1:40 pm Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was born February 10, 1954, at the family farm in “UBdam Holler” in Union County, the son of James E. and Bonnetta M. (Goleaner) Charles, one of 5 boys and two sisters. He was married on May 4, 1974, to Debra Ann Dover.

While attending Shawnee High School he began his career as a journeyman bricklayer and specialist, a craft in which he worked for 42 years, and also as Charles Masonry. For 30 years, he and Debra owned and operated Trail of Tears Lodge, where many would come as strangers and leave as friends. They also owned and operated the former Trail of Tears Junction in Anna, IL.

He was a certified outfitter, gun instructor and advanced open water scuba diver. He loved horseback riding, fishing, hunting, his Lincolns, vacationing and deep sea fishing in the Florida Keys. His best times were always with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Ann Charles; their twin sons, Douglas Ray (wife Wendy L.) and Randal Dale (wife Heather D.) Charles; 7 grandchildren, Triston Douglas Charles, Alexis Danielle Charles, Ashley Cheyenne (husband Jacob) Kelley, Katie Lynn Charles, Sierra Nicole Charles, Alaina Brooke

Charles, and Haleigh Dakota Charles; One great grandchild, Faith Lynn Guzman; Debra's parents, Alfred D. and Charlotte A. Dover; Ron's brothers, James Junior (wife Nancy) Charles, Jerry Dean (wife Kathryn) Charles, Donald Eugene (wife Barbara) Charles, David Wayne Charles; sisters, Sharon Kay Phillips and Deborah Sue (husband Rick) Morgan; his cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his great grandson, Landon Tyler Sadler.

Visitation for Ronald Lee Charles will be from 11:30-1:30 on Friday, Oct. 16, at Valley Mission Cemetery. Graveside services will follow at 1:30pm. Followed by gathering at Valley Mission Church Community Center.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made at graveside or community center drop box.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Valley Mission Cemetery

Jonesboro, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (cst)

Valley Mission Cemetery
Jonesboro, IL

Graveside Service

OCT **16**. 1:30 PM.

Valley Mission Cemetery
Jonesboro, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Lee Charles*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Deb and family,*

So sorry to hear about the passing of Ron. Cherish his memory. He will be remembered for all the masonry projects he built in Southern Illinois.

Condolences Dan and Pam McCall

Dan McCall - October 14, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ *Deb & Family, our deepest sympathy during this difficult time. We are so very sorry to hear about Ron's passing. He was always ready to chat & throw down some good food anytime we visited the lodge. Prayers to you all.*

Scott & Mary Nash-Swink

mary nash-swink - October 13, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Charles.*



October 13, 2020 at 12:33 PM

TS

“ Theresa Seei purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Ronald Lee Charles.




Theresa Seei - October 13, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Charles.



October 12, 2020 at 09:11 PM

 Bobbi
Brolin
Dunning

“ Ron and Debby have been valued friends for over forty years and we were shocked and saddened to here Ron passed on. It is not easy to find people you have things in common with and appreciate their values, Ron is one of those and will be very much missed. We enjoyed every time we were able to get together and wish it had been more often ! Our thoughts are with the family and will always relish the times we were able to share.

Wayne (Rooster) and Bobbi Dunning
Seymour, Mo.

Bobbi Brolin Dunning - October 12, 2020 at 08:50 PM

TC

“ So sorry to hear this. Always liked going to the lodge and visiting with Deb and Ron. He could do some cooking! Prayers to the Charles through this time! 😭

Tracy Craig - October 12, 2020 at 08:48 PM

TG

“ I would like to send my condolences to the entire Charles family. Ronnie gave me my first job and got me into the career I have now. RIP Ronnie. Todd Griffin and family.

Todd Griffin - October 12, 2020 at 08:47 PM

SP

“ Ronnie was my late husbands boss..(Mike Penn) Mike adored him and looked at him like a second father.. I'm so sorry for your loss.. Stacey, Braxton, Adalyn, & Zoey Penn.

stacey penn - October 12, 2020 at 04:56 PM

SC

Ron and his wife and sons were great people to work for. I'm sorry for your loss....you lost a good man. Stanley Cashion

Stanley Cashion - October 13, 2020 at 08:19 PM